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## Grants Information Resource Center (GIRC)

**Free Service for Nonprofits.** *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development (OPGD)* provides nonprofit and government representatives with funding information at its Grants Information Resource Center (GIRC). This computer center provides access to funding databases, as well as the Internet. Staff is available to provide information on additional resources. The GIRC is located at One Judiciary Square, 441 4<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Suite 200 South. Call (202) 727-8900 to schedule an appointment.

## Special Announcement

**Call for Volunteer Nonprofit Coaches.** *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development (OPGD)* is recruiting leaders from the nonprofit, business, foundation and government sectors to volunteer as coaches for nonprofit leaders participating in its 2005 Strengthening Partners Initiative (SPI) class. Each participating nonprofit executive is matched with a coach, who provides mentoring and strategic assistance in areas of interest such as management, fundraising, board development, and policy development. This is a great opportunity for interested individuals to share their expertise. For more information, contact Pat Henry at (202) 727-8900 or [pat.henry@dc.gov](mailto:pat.henry@dc.gov); or go to: <http://opgd.dc.gov>.

## Federal Opportunities

### **Broadening Participation in Computing (BPC).**

*The National Science Foundation (NSF)* aims to significantly increase the number of students who are U.S. citizens and permanent residents receiving post secondary degrees in the computing disciplines. Initially, the emphasis will be on students from communities with longstanding under representation in computing: women, persons with disabilities, and minorities. The BPC program seeks to engage the computing community in developing and implementing innovative methods to improve recruitment and retention of these students at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Because the lack of role models in the professoriate can be a barrier to participation, the BPC program also aims to develop effective strategies for identifying and supporting members of the targeted groups who want to pursue academic careers in computing. There are three components to the BPC program: Alliances, Demonstration Projects, and Supplements. (See notice for full explanation). The deadline for applications is June 14, 2005. Approximately \$14 million is available to fund 20 awards, ranging from \$10,000-\$3 million. For further information, contact Janice Cuny at (703) 292-8950 or [jcuny@nsf.gov](mailto:jcuny@nsf.gov); or go to: <http://www.nsf.gov/cgi-bin/getpub?nsf05562>.

**Engaging Persons with Disabilities in National and Community Service FY 2005.** *The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS)* announces funds for Engaging Persons with Disabilities in National and Community Service Grants. The purpose of these grants is to fund innovative national or regional (operating in at least

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three or more states) partnership models in which persons with disabilities are engaged in service that results in a measurable impact on the community served. CNCS is specifically interested in the following categories: using service as a strategy to assist in the transition of young persons with disabilities from school to adult life; and providing adults with disabilities, preferably disabled veterans, the opportunity to engage in service. Eligible applicants include city or township governments, county governments, independent school districts, special district governments, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, state governments, nonprofit organizations, faith-based organizations, and public housing authorities. The deadline for applications is April 12, 2005.

Approximately \$5.1 million is available to fund 1-5 awards, ranging from \$1 million-\$5.1 million. For further information, contact James Willie at (202) 606-5000 x391 or [jwillie@cns.gov](mailto:jwillie@cns.gov); or go to: <http://www.nationalservice.org>.

## **Demonstration Projects To Ensure Students With Disabilities Receive a Quality Higher Education.**

*The Department of Education (ED)* announces grants for institutions of higher education (IHEs) to develop innovative demonstration projects. The purpose of the demonstration program is to provide technical assistance and professional development for faculty and administrators of IHEs in order to provide them with the skills and supports that they need to teach students with disabilities. IHEs funded under this program also will widely disseminate research and training to enable faculty and administrators in other IHEs to meet the educational needs of students with disabilities. Eligible applicants include public and state controlled and private IHEs. The deadline for applications is April 18, 2005. Approximately \$6.9 million is available to fund 25 awards of up to \$350,000. For further information, contact Julius Cotton at (202) 245-6140 or [julius.cotton@ed.gov](mailto:julius.cotton@ed.gov); or go to:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20051800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2005/pdf/E5-799.pdf>.

**Research Infrastructure in Minority Institutions (RIMI).** *The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)* announces funding for the RIMI Program that focuses on building research capacity in predominantly minority-serving academic institutions that offer one or more associates, baccalaureate

and/or master's degrees in the life sciences, behavioral sciences and/or other health related areas. Eligible applicants include: domestic predominantly minority-serving academic institutions that offer one or more associates, baccalaureate and/or master's degrees in allied health, behavioral science, social science, or life and related sciences; and public or private predominantly minority-serving institutions, such as universities and colleges. The deadline for applications is April 29, 2005. Approximately \$3 million is available to fund 6 awards. For further information, contact Bryan S. Clark at (301) 402-1366 or [ClarkB@ncmhd.nih.gov](mailto:ClarkB@ncmhd.nih.gov); or go to: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MD-05-004.html>.

**Training and Advisory Services (Equity Assistance Center Program).** *The Department of Education (ED)* awards grants through cooperative agreements to operate regional equity assistance centers to enable them to provide technical assistance and training, at the request of school boards and other responsible governmental agencies, on the preparation, adoption, and implementation of plans for the desegregation of public schools - which in this context means plans for equity (including desegregation based on race, sex, and national origin) - and in the development of effective methods of coping with special educational problems occasioned by desegregation. The Equity Assistance Centers (formerly the Desegregation Assistance Centers) assist states, districts, and public schools to provide effective instruction to all students and specifically to those students for whom disparities in achievement persist. Eligible applicants include city or township governments, county governments, special district governments, state governments, nonprofit organizations, and others. The deadline for applications is April 29, 2005. Approximately \$7 million is available to fund 10 awards, ranging from \$300,000-\$900,000. For further information, contact Tonja Lark at (202) 246-6160 or [tonja.lark@ed.gov](mailto:tonja.lark@ed.gov); or go to:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20051800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2005/pdf/05-3954.pdf>.

## **District Opportunities**

**DEADLINE EXTENDED. National Youth Service Day.** *Serve DC, in partnership with the Freddie Mac Foundation*, is offering grants to

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support community service projects organized for National Youth Service Day 2005, April 15-17, a weekend of service focused on the contributions of youth in the community. Eligible applicants include nonprofits, schools or universities, community groups, faith-based organizations, corporations, government agencies, and public organizations. The deadline for applications has been extended to March 11, 2005. Grants worth up to \$750 will be awarded. For further information, contact Kristin Yochum at (202) 727-8006; or go to: [www.serve.dc.gov](http://www.serve.dc.gov).

**Children's Services.** *The Department of Human Services (DHS)* seeks to provide grants to organizations capable of providing services in the following areas: (1) Telephone Hotline Support Services to Latchkey Children; (2) Out-of-School Time Services to Children from Limited English Proficient Asian and African Newcomer Communities; (3) A Child Development Center located in Ward 7 or Ward 8 to provide services to children of homeless teen parents; (4) 24 classrooms for pre-kindergarten children; (5) Continuous Quality Improvement, Accreditation Facilitation and Tiered Rate Reimbursement System "Going for the Gold" application and selection process for child development homes and centers. The deadline for applications is April 29, 2005, at 3:30 p.m. Approximately \$5 million is available. The Request for Applications (RFA) will be available on March 14, 2005. Applications may be obtained from the Office of Partnerships and Grants Development website at [www.opgd.dc.gov](http://www.opgd.dc.gov) - District Grants Clearinghouse - or the DHS Office of Grants Management, 64 New York Avenue, NE, Sixth Floor, Washington, DC 20002. The Pre-Application Conference will be held on March 24, 2005, at DHS/OECD, 717 14th Street, NW, 8th Floor Conference Room, Washington, DC 20005, 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. for Program Areas 1, 2 and 3; 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. for Program Area 4; and 2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. for Program Area 5. For preparation purposes, interested parties planning to attend are requested to RSVP. For further information and to RSVP, contact Priscilla L. Burnett at (202) 671-4407 or [priscilla.burnett@dc.gov](mailto:priscilla.burnett@dc.gov); or go to: [www.opgd.dc.gov](http://www.opgd.dc.gov), [District Grants Clearinghouse](http://DistrictGrantsClearinghouse.org).

**Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Clinical Services Grant.** *The Department of Health (DOH)*

solicits applications to provide quality STD services, that include: screening, diagnosis, treatment, and patient education and referral services. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations, for-profit organizations other than small businesses, small businesses. Eligible applicants include nonprofit and for profit organizations operating in the District of Columbia. The deadline for applications is 4/4/2005 5:00:00 PM. Approximately \$130,000 is available to fund 2-3 awards, ranging from \$0-\$0 A pre-application conference will be held on Monday, March 14, 2005, 10:00 a.m.-noon, in the STD Control Program office, 717 14th Street, NW, Suite 950 (9th Floor). For further information, contact Paulette Jackson at (202) 727-9862 or [paulette.jackson@dc.gov](mailto:paulette.jackson@dc.gov); or go to: <http://opgd.dc.gov/>.

**Electronic Grants Clearinghouse.** *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development* is the clearinghouse for the Government of the District of Columbia's grant programs. Notices and application packets are available for the following notices at: <http://opgd.dc.gov/>, select District Grants Clearinghouse.

*The District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS)/ State Education Agency (SEA), FY 2005 Mathematics and Science Partnerships Grant Program*, March 10, 2005, at 4:00 p.m.

*The State Education Office (SEO), FY 2005 Teacher Quality Improvement Grant Program*, March 17, 2005, at 4:00 p.m.

*The Office of the Secretary (OS), Escheated Estates*, March 25, June 24, September 23, and December 22, 2005.

*The Department of Health (DOH), in conjunction with the Prince George's County Health Department, the Northern Virginia Regional Commission and the Washington Metropolitan Regional Health Services Planning Council, FY 2005 Ryan White Title I Regional Grant (District of Columbia, Suburban Virginia & Suburban Maryland)*, March 28, 2005.

*The DC Commission on the Arts & Humanities (CAH), Folk & Traditional Arts Mini Grants*, April 7, 2005.

*The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and*

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Economic Development, Commercial District Technical Assistance Program (CD-TAP), applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

## Foundation Opportunities

### **Arts, Education, and Family Violence Prevention.**

*The Target Corporation* supports the arts, education, and family violence prevention. Target's support the arts by making art exhibitions, classes and performances more affordable and accessible for families. Programs that bring arts to schools or schoolchildren to the arts are of particular interest. Education grants focus on early childhood reading, specifically programs that inspire young readers (birth through third grade). Family Violence Prevention includes funding for parenting education, crisis nurseries, family counseling, after-school programs, support groups and abuse shelters. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. Store leaders allocate grant dollars to local organizations. The deadline for applications is May 31, 2005. Awards range from \$1,000-\$3,000. For further information, go to:

[http://target.com/common/page.jhtml?content=target\\_cg\\_local\\_giving](http://target.com/common/page.jhtml?content=target_cg_local_giving).

**Children in Need.** *Mattel and the Mattel Children's Foundation* announce a new Domestic Grants Program. Grants will be awarded to organizations that directly serve children in need and align with Mattel's philanthropic priorities, which include health, education, and girls' empowerment. Two types of grants will be considered: program-specific grants and core operating support. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. The deadlines for applications are April 8 and September 30, 2005. Awards range from \$5,000-\$25,000. For further information, contact Mattel Foundation at [foundation@mattel.com](mailto:foundation@mattel.com); or go to: [http://www.mattel.com/about\\_us/Comm\\_Involvement/ci\\_mcf\\_philanthropy\\_grantmaking.asp](http://www.mattel.com/about_us/Comm_Involvement/ci_mcf_philanthropy_grantmaking.asp).

**Community Assistance Grants.** *The Commonwealth Foundation* supports educational programs and projects assisting disadvantaged youth. The Foundation focuses on secondary and, to a lesser extent, elementary education. The Foundation also considers grants for educational research and, to a limited extent, health care. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations that share the

Foundation's mission, are located in Washington, DC, Maryland or Northern Virginia, and have an annual budget not exceeding \$1 million. The deadline for applications is August 1, 2005. Grants of up to \$25,000 are available. For further information, contact Gloria Dairsow at (240) 450-0000 or [gdairsow@cweal.org](mailto:gdairsow@cweal.org); or go to: <http://www.cweal.org/cag.htm>.

### **Greater Washington Youth Philanthropy**

**Initiative (GWPI).** *The Community Foundation for the National Capital Region/DC Urban Uplifters* announces project support grants for youth-led groups working to improve the lives and situations of young people in DC. All projects must be youth-led in design and/or implementation and show strong youth involvement, participation and leadership. Areas of interest include: violence prevention; teen health; youth empowerment; arts; youth employment/job training; recreation; and homeless youth. The (GWPI has three additional youth advisory councils in Northern Virginia, Montgomery, and Prince George's. See website for more details). Eligible applicants include groups of young people, ages 13-24, in DC who want to make a difference in their community. Each youth group must have a sponsor organization such as a school or nonprofit agency. The deadline for applications is March 25, 2005, at 5:00 p.m. A pre-application meeting will be held March 17, 2005, 7:00-8:00 p.m., at the YMCA National Capital, 1711 Rhode Island Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20036. Approximately \$25,000 is available to fund awards, ranging from \$500-\$5,000. For further information, contact E. Bomani Johnson at (202) 263-4768 or [bjohnson@cfncr.org](mailto:bjohnson@cfncr.org); or go to: <http://www.cfncr.org/page15414.cfm>.

**Housing and Community.** *The Fannie Mae Foundation* dedicates the majority of its competitive grants to providing general operating support to nonprofit organizations to help build their capacity, increase their impact, and make their operations more efficient and effective. Eligible applicants include national, regional, and local nonprofit organizations working to: increase the affordable housing supply; increase sustainable homeownership and build individual and community wealth; and create healthy and vibrant neighborhoods in Washington, DC. The deadline for applications is March 31, 2005. Complete information on the Foundation's 2005 funding priorities and application process is available



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on the Foundation's website. For further information, contact Grants Management at (202) 274-8057 or [grants@fanniemaefoundation.org](mailto:grants@fanniemaefoundation.org); or go to: <http://www.fanniemaefoundation.org/>.

**Women's Financial and Economic Independence.** *The Washington Area Women's Foundation (WAWF)* launched the first of three new funds as part of its multi-year initiative to build the financial and economic independence of the region's low-income, women-headed families. The Financial Literacy & Wealth Creation Fund is designed to help low-income, women-headed families in the Washington Metropolitan Area obtain a base level of financial knowledge and increase their collective wealth by \$40 million in the next three years. The Jobs, Education & Training Fund and The Child Care & Early Education Fund will be launched later this year. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. There are no deadlines for application. For further information, contact WAWF at or [info@wawf.org](mailto:info@wawf.org); or go to: <http://www.thewomensfoundation.org/getfunded/grant/index.html>.

## Resources & Announcements

**Bilingual Job Fair.** *The Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (OAPIA)* will host a Bilingual Job Fair that will highlight bilingual jobs and those available to Limited English Proficient job seekers. If your agency is interested in reaching out to the Asian and Pacific Islander community or if you are in need of Bilingual Staff, this is an excellent opportunity for you to meet potential candidates. There will be a limited number of Chinese, Korean, and Vietnamese translators on site to assist you in communicating with potential job seekers. The Bilingual Job Fair will take place on April 25, 2005, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., at the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library, 901 G Street NW, Washington, DC. For further information, contact Soohyun Koo at (202) 727-3120 or [soohyun.koo@dc.gov](mailto:soohyun.koo@dc.gov).

**Department of Education Grant Information.** *The Department of Education (ED)* provides Answers to Your Questions About the Discretionary Grant Process. This online publication covers the entire grant application, review, award, administration, closeout, and audit processes. It also provides a glossary and resource listing. For further

information, go to:

<http://www.ed.gov/fund/grant/about/grantmaking/index.html>.

**Nonprofit Innovation Award.** *Amazon.com* announces its new Nonprofit Innovation Award, which recognizes nonprofit organizations whose innovative approaches most effectively improve their communities or the world at large. Ten organizations selected as finalists will have an opportunity to raise funds and awareness for their programs on Amazon.com. All 10 finalists will be profiled on their own Amazon.com pages, where customers will be invited to vote for their favorites by making monetary donations. The organization that receives the largest amount of customer contributions by the deadline will receive the award, along with a matching grant of up to \$1 million from Amazon.com. Eligible applicants include U.S. nonprofit organizations that have been in operation for at least two years. The deadline for applications is April 28, 2005. For further information, contact ANIA, Amazon.com, 1200 12th Avenue South, Suite 1200, Seattle, WA 98144, [nonprofitinnovation@amazon.com](mailto:nonprofitinnovation@amazon.com); or go to: <http://www.amazon.com/nonprofitinnovation>.

**Nonprofit Promotion.** *The Catalogue for Philanthropy's* goal is to inspire and attract donors by promoting charities that beautifully represent philanthropy—through the excellence of their work, the creativity of their approach, the compelling nature of the needs they address, and their concrete accomplishments. Each year, the Catalogue selects charities to feature in its publication in order to illustrate and demonstrate excellence, and to show how philanthropy is essential to our quality of life. Ultimately, the Catalogue provides small-to-mid-sized charities with visibility and a way to reach large numbers of potential major donors region-wide. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations in the Washington region (i.e., District of Columbia; Montgomery, Prince George's, and Frederick counties in Maryland; Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William counties, as well as the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, and Falls Church, in Virginia) in all fields of philanthropy, with operating budgets of \$2 million or below. Organizations that were featured in the 2003 or 2004 Catalogue are not eligible to reapply in 2005. The deadline for applications is March 25, 2005. For further

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information and to access the application, contact the Catalogue at (202) 549-6369 or [dcquestions@catalogueforphilanthropy.org](mailto:dcquestions@catalogueforphilanthropy.org); or go to: <http://www.catalogueforphilanthropy.org/dc/applynow/index.html>.

**Preparing Your 990: An Introduction to Free Software from the NCCS.** *The Foundation Center - Washington, DC* will host an InfoBreakfast session on new 990-preparation software by Linda Lampkin, Director of the National Center for Charitable Statistics (NCCS), and Senior Research Associate, the Center on Nonprofits and Philanthropy at The Urban Institute. The session will take place on March 10, 8:45 a.m.-10:00 a.m., at the Foundation Center, 1627 K Street, NW, Washington, DC. There is no fee, but space is limited and advance registration is required. To register, call (202) 331-1400 or go to: <http://fdncenter.org/washington/infobrkc.html>.

**Request for Comment on the District of Columbia Justice Assistance Application for 2005.** *The District of Columbia Justice Grants Administration (JGA)* is requesting written comments on the District's 2005 Application for the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program. The JAG Program was newly created through the merger of the Edward Byrne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Formula Grant (Byrne) Program, and the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program (LLEBG). The Byrne Program was commonly known as the Drug Control and System Improvement Grant Program, authorized by Title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, as amended. Copies of the FY 2005 JAG Application's projected use of funds are available Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., at the Office of The Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice/JGA at 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 327, Washington, DC 20004. Written comments must be submitted by March 25, 2005, close of business, and should be addressed to John Hallums, Director, Attention: Phyllis McKinney, JGA, at the address listed above. For further information, contact Phyllis McKinney at (202) 727-1700.

**Technical Assistance for Transitional Jobs Programs.** *The National League of Cities' (NLC) Institute for Youth, Education, and Families (YEF Institute) and the National Transitional Jobs Network*

(NTJN) invite applications for the Transitional Jobs Project: Taking Leadership to Address Barriers to Employment. The aim of this intensive, 18-month technical assistance effort is to establish high-quality Transitional Jobs programs to help hard-to-employ residents overcome barriers to work and obtain steady employment. Eligible applicants include cities, counties, states, community development corporations (CDCs), and nonprofit organizations. Only entities operating within a city or other defined region with a population in excess of 50,000 can apply. The deadline for applications is March 15, 2005. For further information, go to: <http://www.transitionaljobs.net/>.

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